

<b>Nov 2</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>First Communion</b> Sunday School Nat. Gathering Bkfst	<b>8:30/10:30am</b> both services 9:30am
<b>Mon</b>	Library reserved	6-8pm
	Kettle Bells	6:15pm
<b>Tues</b>	Kettle Bells	5:30am
	Men's Bible Study	6:15, 7am
	Cub Scouts	6:30-7:30pm
<b>Wed</b>	WOW	3:15pm
	Grade 3 Bible Class	3:15pm
	Confirmation meal/class	5:45/6:30pm
	Financial Peace University	7:00pm
	Kettle Bells	7:40pm
<b>Thurs</b>	Kettle Bells	5:30am
	Breakfast Club	7:07am
<b>Fri</b>	Gustavus Lock In	
<b>Sat</b>	Hackmann Benefit	
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>8:30/10:30am</b>
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Golden Living Service	1pm
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Activities and times change periodically. Please check the website calendar at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net). It is updated daily.

### Coming up in November

### Communion - Nov. 2, 16

15	Dec. Follower deadline
19	Council Meeting
20	Dorcas Circle
21	Junior High Gathering
25	Assemble the Follower at 1pm
26	NO Wednesday Programming – Thanksgiving Service
27/28	Office Closed
29	Wedding off-site
30	NO Sunday School

### PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Jean Stadtherr	<i>A Boen</i>	Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>
Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Evelyn & Greg Rosenow	<i>T Kadelbach</i>

Paraguay Missionaries – The Kevin and Rebekah Howell family  
Bolivia Missionaries – Paul and Jay Mikaelson

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** Last week's Confirmation students and this week's 1<sup>st</sup> Communion students.

### NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

**Communion** 8:30 – K Larson 10:30 – B Boen

**Altar Guild** S Erickson, K Bahl

**Acolytes** A Larson, T Sagedahl

**Ushers** 8:30 – C Lund, S Padrnos, J Kopacek, K van der Hagen  
10:30 – M/G Adamski

thank  
you!

Didn't you find it on your desk?  
...or in a drawer or on your chair?

Not always!!

Please use the mailbox outside the office door.

Even on Sunday

**NEW CLICKERS?!?! Two or three new volunteers would be great!**  
Training takes about 30 minutes, and for the first several times you click, a trained person is sitting with you. How often, and at which service, you'd like to volunteer is up to you. Give Laurie a call 320-523-1574.

**Santa's Closet.** It's never too early to be thinking of donating to Santa's Closet. While you are out and about, keep this ministry in mind. Keep an eye out for a drop off box in the entry way.



**Confirmation Suppers.** Would you consider working with a friend/family to prepare and serve a simple meal to our confirmation student on Wed nights? Approximately 25 kids roll in after school activities...hungry for supper and for time spent with Pastor and the small group leaders! The meal is served from 5:45 to 6:20. The confirmation parents are the first to volunteer, but there are more class dates than families. More information and a sign-up sheet are on the BOARD.

## --General Reminders--

- New Members are welcomed anytime. Contact Pastor or Laurie.
- Contact the office when needing to borrow anything from church.
- The *FOLLOWER* and weekly bulletin are available at *crossofcalvary.net*.
- Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board
- *The Faithful 15* is a weekly, 15-minute podcast available on our website and on iTunes.
- The order of service is available in large print at the display rack
- We are no longer accepting used printer or toner cartridges.

### Flowers for the Altar?

- Choose a date and sign up on the Board.
- Call/email the office to indicate what you'd like in the bulletin – in celebration of, in honor of, in memory of. Note: without a designation, no reference will be printed.
- Have flowers delivered by 4pm on Saturday (Thursday in the summer).

### Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

- Please gain permission.
- Please contact Laurie ...even if you have mentioned it to Pastor.
- Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month.
- Names for the Follower must be submitted before the deadline date.

### Worship and Bulletins

- The order of worship is the larger, white handout. Please return it after Saturday 5:30 and Sunday 8:30 services for use at later services.
- The bulletin (announcements) is the smaller, colored handout. Please take just one per family.

**Note to all Sunday volunteers:** As a courtesy to all those who volunteer alongside you, please try to find a fill-in whenever you are unable to be at church to serve as an usher, reader, acolyte or to serve communion.

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## Advent – Friends and Family

Pastor would like to include families and/or groups of friends with the lighting of the Advent candles at each service. What a joy to see children and families, friends and neighbors taking an active role during worship as we prepare for Christmas! Please contact Pastor or Laurie for more information and to choose a date and service time.



# 20th Annual Snowflake Bazaar

## December 6



We are encouraging families to donate an item for the auction this year—families can even partner up with another to come up with a great idea! The “auction” is going to be held differently this year, in that people can purchase tickets and put them towards a chance at winning the items that were donated. Tickets will be sold on the Sundays preceding the actual Bazaar date, as well as at the time of the Bazaar. Drawings will be held that same day. We are really hoping to get some great items this year, so please start brainstorming!!

Donations for the raffle are due to the church no later than Friday, Nov. 7. It is okay to bring them earlier. Raffle ticket sales will start on Nov. 9, and be sold every weekend until the drawing.

We also need your baked goods! This year the youth are going to be frosting cutouts, so if you would like to donate some baked cutouts, they can take it from there! Stay tuned for dates of baking and decorating...

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### CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD - East Entrance

(take-home fliers often available)



Our Savior’s Church (Sacred Heart) is hosting “Food for Kidz” on Saturday, November 15. Volunteers will be meeting at the Sacred Heart Community Center to put together meals for children in need. Beth Elliot (765-2376)

*“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”* at the RCW small gym/theatre, sponsored by Friends of the Arts. Thursday November 20 and Saturday November 22 at 7:30 and Sunday November 23 at 2:30. Tickets; \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 14 and under will be sold at the door. The RCW Foundation is sponsoring a dinner prior to the Saturday show. Dinner/show tickets \$30 are available from Cari Rice at the Credit Union, the RCW District Office or any RCW Foundation board member.

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*God's Story*  
*Your Story*

November 2, 2014

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household’s daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family; in the morning,

during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**God of healing and hope, through Elisha you healed the commander, Naaman, when he bathed in the Jordan. Heal the sicknesses in our souls and in our bodies, so that we might be blessed to be a blessing to the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away. 2 Kings 5:10-11a*

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

**Elisha was a mighty prophet who took over when the prophet, Elijah, was taken into heaven by heavenly chariot. Elisha performed many miracles for the people of Israel and for people in neighboring nations.**

**Like so many before him, Elisha's blessings became, in turn, blessings to the nations of the world. God blessed Israel so that the whole world would be blessed. Elisha's miracles were no exception.**

**In this miracle of healing, the commander, Naaman, nearly missed the opportunity for healing because he was too proud to believe that Elisha's course of action for healing would work. He did not believe Elisha's God would heal him by a simple bathing in the Jordan River.**

**But God did heal Naaman, and Naaman became a believer and follower of God. He returned to his homeland, Aram, with two mule-loads of Israel's dirt so that he could worship God on Israelite soil, even when living in Aram.**

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

**Follow the story of the miracles of the prophet, Elisha.**

Sunday, 2 Kings 5:1-14 *Elisha Heals Naaman*

Monday, 2 Kings 2:13-18, *Elisha Succeeds Elijah*

Tuesday, 2 Kings 2:19-25, *Elisha Performs Miracles*

Wednesday, 2 Kings 4:1-7, *Elisha and the Widow's Oil*

Thursday, 2 Kings 4:8-37, *Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son*

Friday, 2 Kings 4:38-41 *Elisha Purifies the Pot of Stew*

Saturday, 2 Kings 4:42-44 *Elisha Feeds One Hundred Men*

**What kinds of miracles did Elisha perform? How did these miracles serve God?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **Who in your community stands out as one who will stand up for**

**the oppressed, poor, or silenced? How might you support such a person in their work?**

- **What miracles have you witnessed? Where have you seen God at work in the world this week?**

**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Visit someone who is sick. Bring a meal, send a card, or simply sit and visit.**

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**God who blesses all, help us hear your word and obey it. Amen.**

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# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**—Naaman, the commander of the army of the king of Aram said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel..." —2 Kings 5:15.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**—*To be used in a variety of ways over the course of the week—first thing in the morning; before you go to bed; as an opening or closing to household devotion time (see reverse); etc.*

**God of Healing**—You worked to bring life to Naaman even in spite of his doubts. Help us to trust, to know, and to believe in your life-giving presence in our lives. Amen.

**A BLESSING TO SHARE**—*A blessing can be a powerful ritual that reminds us of God's promises and presence, both through the words, as well as the touch that we share. This can be used as a "good-bye." It could be used as a bed-time blessing. Be creative in the way you bless and are blessed by the people in your life.*

*As you mark one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead, say,*

**"God has washed you and made you clean in God's love. Amen."**

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**—*The soap opera continues in between our Sunday readings! In between the arcane complexities of ancient Middle Eastern history and culture are a couple of themes to note. One is that there is a connection between worship and justice, or between what one believes and how one treats the weak and overlooked. Another is to observe that God cares deeply about these things and that the political discord that comes with injustice is interpreted, at the very least, as inevitable responses, if not God's action! Finally, note in the earliest "writing prophets," (beginning with Thursday's reading), in spite of the judgment proclaimed, there is still a strong proclamation of God's mercy for God's people, as well as a growing sense that God's love extends beyond Israel's or Judah's borders.*

Sunday	2 Kings 5:1-15	Elisha the Prophet Heals Naaman the Enemy
Monday	2 Kings 6:8-23	Elisha and the Chariots of Fire
Tuesday	2 Kings 8:16-19, 12:1-16	Good King or Bad King?
Wednesday	2 Kings 16:1-20	King Ahaz Raids God's Temple
Thursday	Amos 2:4-5, 12-15, 9:13-15	Words of Destruction and Restoration
Friday	Hosea 1:1-11	Words of Destruction and Mercy
Saturday	Isaiah 1:1-9, 2:1-4	Words of Destruction and Peace
Sunday	Micah 5:2-4, 6:6-8	The Prophet Micah

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible like the Spark! Picture Bible (Augsburg Fortress) or The Jesus Storybook Bible (Zondervan). The Children's Illustrated Bible (New Leaf Press) is a good Bible for young readers that also includes nice illustrations and explanations. Often, you might find that the children's bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!*

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**—Each week, a topic for discussion is introduced that is connected to the weekly theme introduced by Sunday's Bible reading. This topic can be used at any time during the week. But it is not by any means the only Caring Conversation you can have—try checking in with "Highs & Lows" (What was the best/worst part of your day?) or "God moments" (Where do you think you saw God's love active and present today?). The main point is to be on the look-out for opportunities to move your household's talk from the surface toward intimacy.

- At first, Naaman was angry at the request the prophet Elisha made of him. But Naaman is surprised by the unexpected way God is at work in his life. Think about and share an unexpected way God has been present in your life.
- Naaman expects Elisha to do something astounding and glorious. (See 1 Kings 5:11) But God works through humble material—a servant girl and a muddy river. One might even say God uses those things *in order to* humble the mighty. Can you think of other stories in the Bible where God uses humble means to accomplish God's work?
- How many different water stories can you remember from the Bible?

**DEVOTIONS**—One way of thinking about devotions is as a continuation of our community's worship, or at least as a connection with it. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions:

- **Gathering Prayer**—This might include a lit candle; the PRAYER FOR THE WEEK from the front; or a suggestion from the RITUAL & TRADITION below.
- **Caring Conversation**—As suggested above, this could be as simple as a daily check in with each other or an extended conversation using the topic(s) suggested above.
- **Daily Bible Reading**—Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading? Households with small children might simply review the basics of the story read from an age-appropriate Bible.
- **Closing Ritual**—Some way of signaling the end: A BLESSING TO SHARE from the front; the Lord's Prayer; or a song, either sung or recorded. If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

*Note: This is only a suggested pattern. It will vary with YOUR household's context and patterns. What works best for you? First thing in the morning? Over breakfast? Bed time? Even if you don't have children in your household, or if you live alone, be creative and flexible with how you practice and keep your devotions.*

**SERVICE**—SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

Naaman was in need of healing. Contact your congregation's office to see if there is someone on your prayer list in need of healing to whom you could send a card or note of encouragement.

**RITUALS & TRADITIONS**—With the image of water so prevalent in this week's reading again, continue to figure out a way to use a small bowl of water as a tangible reminder of God's love during your household's devotion time.



# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran Men in Mission

**THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 20  
4:30 - 6:30 PM**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
301 N. Lincoln • Redwood Falls, MN

Adults — \$13  
under 12 — \$5  
Preschoolers Free



Menu:  
Lutefisk,  
Meatballs,  
Lefse  
and all the  
trimmings!

Advance sale tickets available at the church office.  
Tickets also sold at the door.

**Free shuttle service** — call the church office at 637-2592.  
Proceeds to benefit LMM Projects.

# Lutefisk & Meatball Supper

The public is invited to a

## TURKEY SUPPER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church-Bird Island, Mn  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12  
5:00 P.M.

MENU: served family style - Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes,

Gravy, Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls, Pumpkin Pie

Ticket prices are:

Adults (13 & over) \$9.00; Children (5-12) \$6.00

Children under 5 - \$2.00

All take-out meals are \$10.00

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Broaster,  
Home Town Bank in Olivia, Pere's Grill in Hector.

You may specify time you wish to eat,  
please state time when buying tickets.

You're invited to the

# *Make A Difference* **Luan**

Friday, November 14, 2014

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Island Ballroom

Bird Island, Minnesota

*Put on your flip flops, grass skirts,  
and Hawaiian shirts to support the  
Safe Avenues Renville  
County Outreach Program*

 **Safe  
Avenues**  
*For healing, justice and peace*

{ Beach Games & Competitions  
Live & Silent Auctions  
Music & Hawaiian Buffet }

## *RSVP*

Please reply by November 5, 2014

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to attend.  
Please reserve \_\_\_ tickets  
at \$35/person.

\_\_\_ I am unable to attend, but  
wish to make a donation  
to Safe Avenues.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear of the event?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Payment Options**

\_\_\_ Check (payable to Safe Avenues)

\_\_\_ Credit Card (Please call 320.523.1015 and speak with Naomi)

Please send RSVP to:

Renville County Outreach Program • PO Box 65 • Olivia, MN 56277